

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-14 are pending. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, and 10-13 are amended, Claims 2 and 7 are canceled, and Claim 14 is added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,487,720 to Ohishi in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0198279 to Anttila et al.; and Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 6, and 13 are amended to recite the features of allowable Claims 2 and 7, and allowable Claim 11 is rewritten in independent form. Further, Claim 14 is added to recite features similar to those of allowable Claims 1 and 2 using alternative terminology. Thus, independent Claims 1, 6, 11, 13 and 14, and claims depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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